

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

A TRIBUTE TO MIKE GLOVER

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 7, 2012

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the career of one of the preeminent voices of Iowa journalism. Mike Glover, whose byline has accompanied countless Associated Press reports from the Iowa Capitol for three decades, announced this week that he's retiring in May.

Mr. Glover's work has appeared on the front pages of newspapers across Iowa and throughout the country, offering concise and timely news and analysis on some of the biggest political stories of our time. He's covered nearly every major presidential contender to pass through Iowa before the state's first-in-the-nation caucuses. And while the Iowa General Assembly is in session, his presence in the halls of the Statehouse in Des Moines seems nearly ubiquitous as he tracks down the news of the day.

Mr. Glover began his career working for newspapers in Fort Dodge, Iowa, and Bloomington, Illinois, before he started at the Associated Press, where he would spend the next 32 years. He currently lives in Windsor Heights with his wife, Betty, who serves on the Windsor Heights City Council. Throughout Iowa's political and journalistic circles, he's earned a reputation for doggedly pursuing the truth and reporting the facts in a no-nonsense fashion.

To my great pleasure—and occasionally to my consternation—Mr. Glover has put me in the crosshairs of his tough-but-fair questioning on numerous occasions during my appearances on Iowa Press, a weekly news and current events program on Iowa Public Television. I know Mr. Glover to be a consummate professional and a true newsman in every sense of the word.

Mr. Speaker, in an increasingly chaotic and fractured media environment, Mr. Glover's career is a shining example of the importance of objective and factual reporting, something I know every member of this chamber respects and appreciates. Please join me in congratulating Mike Glover on his illustrious career and wishing him a happy retirement.

ST. GEORGE'S CARPATHO-RUSSIAN ORTHODOX GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

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Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate the parishioners of St. George's Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Greek Catholic Church in Taylor, Pennsylvania, who are celebrating the church's 75th anniversary.

In 1937, immigrants from Eastern Europe would labor for long hours in the coal mines

of Northeastern Pennsylvania, then report to the site of a future church. There, they would help excavate and construct the building. Many parishioners generously mortgaged their homes to provide collateral for the project. On October 3, 1937, the cornerstone was dedicated, and St. George's Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Greek Church began its mission of glorifying God.

In 1954, a tragic gas explosion destroyed the church hall and tested the parish's resiliency. Officers and trustees immediately established plans to rebuild, and two months later, St. George's Social Club rooms were completely rebuilt and reopened. Members of the congregation would be challenged again in 1975, as a mine subsidence threatened the church and forced the congregation to move. Four years later, St. George's found its permanent home on Keyser Avenue near Scranton. This modern church complex, which can hold 350 of the faithful, is among the most beautiful in Northeastern Pennsylvania.

Today, the dedicated parishioners of St. George's continue the virtuous work started by their forbears 75 years ago. This generation's goal is to continue the work done by past generations. The present church is the result of faithfulness to the teachings, customs, and traditions of immigrants from Eastern Europe. With the guidance of their present pastor, Father Mark Leasure, the church welcomes all families as they seek to explore the rich Christian faith.

Mr. Speaker, I offer my most sincere congratulations and deepest respect to the parishioners of St. George's Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Greek Catholic Church of Taylor, Pennsylvania, and I wish them many years of successful, faithful future service.

TRIBUTE TO BEXTON PLACE AND THE RETIREMENT HOUSING FOUNDATION

HON. CHARLES A. GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GONZALEZ. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Bexton Place Apartments in my district in San Antonio. Bexton Place is a member of the Retirement Housing Foundation, and they will join in celebrating the foundation's fifty years of service to the community on March 13, 2012.

The Retirement Housing Foundation is a non-profit organization of 159 communities in 24 States, Washington, D.C., Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands, providing housing and services to more than 17,000 older adults, low-income families, and persons with disabilities.

Throughout the past fifty years the foundation has fostered an environment in which team members work to make life better for thousands of San Antonians. This pinnacle achievement speaks to both the past laurels

and future service of Bexton Place. Bexton Place strives to provide all persons with quality, affordable housing so that San Antonio families do not have to sacrifice paying the rent for other basic necessities.

The noble mission of the Retirement Housing Foundation is as important today as it was fifty years ago. Its impact on our communities cannot be overstated. I would again ask you to congratulate Bexton Place and the Retirement Housing Foundation on their fifty years of ensuring that low-income families and individuals have access to quality housing.

RECOGNIZING STEVEN O'CONNOR

HON. CHARLES F. BASS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

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Mr. BASS of New Hampshire. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Steven O'Connor of Milford, New Hampshire, a remarkable young man who, in June of 2010, demonstrated immense bravery and courage in order to save his younger sister's life.

Steven, who was a Webelo Cub Scout at the time, had just recently learned how to swim when he was celebrating Father's Day at his grandparents' house with his family. Mackenzie O'Connor, Steven's younger sister, had slipped underwater and was struggling to stay afloat when Steven leaped into action. Before any of the adults had time to react to Mackenzie's struggles, Steven had jumped into the pool and pulled his younger sister to safety.

Steven's selfless and heroic actions are commendable, and I am incredibly impressed by this young man's quick thinking and fearless instincts. Steven will be awarded with the Boy Scouts of America's Meritorious Action Award this Saturday in Hollis, New Hampshire, an award that is truly well-deserved.

Steven's parents, grandparents, sister, and extended family, as well as his friends and teachers, must be extremely proud of his bravery, and I join the people of Milford, and indeed the entire Granite State, in congratulating Steven on a job well done. I wish him all the best in his future endeavors, particularly as he seeks to become an Eagle Scout.

PENSACOLA CHRISTIAN COLLEGE COMMUNITY HONORS RETIRING PRESIDENT DR. ARLIN HORTON

HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 7, 2012

Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the exemplary career of a great leader, scholar and Pensacola Christian College's Founder and President, Dr. Arlin Horton. After 38 years of exceptional

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